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Title: Need to establish another bench of High Court in Kerala.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN (CHIRAYINKIL): Sir, I rise here to bring a very important issue before this House. There is a longstanding struggle in the Capital City, Trivendrum, towards the establishment of a Bench of the Kerala High Court in the State Capital.

Now, the agitation is going on for a long time. It has entered in *hartaal*, boycott of the courts and also *bandhs*. Even the Chairperson of the UPA Government has also agreed towards this demand. Even all the political parties and all the organizations are agreed in this matter. But so far, no order has been issued. I must also inform this House that the Kerala Assembly twice adopted unanimously a Resolution towards the establishment of a Bench of the Kerala High Court at Trivandram.

So far, the Central Government has not issued a notification restoring the Bench. It can be done within a week or within a day if the Government is willing to issue a notification under the provisions of the State Reorganizations Act. The matter can be settled then and there. All parties have agreed.

I would, therefore, request the Central Government to issue the notification before the announcement of the Elections. Do not evade the people on this issue because it may become an Election issue if the notification is not issued before Elections and the political parties will be divided. The issue is unanimously accepted by all the political parties. Delaying the issuance of notification is doing injustice to the unity of the people. [r13]

So, I would request the Central Government, before the declaration of the election notification, to take particular care to see that a Notification is issued towards the establishment of the Bench of the Kerala High Court at Trivandrum....(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Your point has come in the past. Now, I would request Mr. M. Shivanna to speak.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN : The opinion of the Judiciary is not at all necessary. The Governor has also firmly recommended....(*Interruptions*) We are insisting that the judicial concurrence is not necessary. I hope the Government will rise to the occasion and see that the Bench is established.

With these words, I once again request the Government to issue the Notification and do justice to the people of Kerala.